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MENIO ENDORSED Honorable Paul A. Engelmeyer United States District Court Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

> Re: United States v. Leonides Sierra et al 11 Cr. 1032 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmeyer:

At the status conference held on June 13, 2012 at 11:30 AM I made an oral application for the appointment of a para-legal who could be used to assist the defendants in Group B generally, and the potential capital defendants more specifically. Your Honor indicated on the record that you would approve the application. Accordingly, I am requesting Your Honor approve the appointment of Douglas Tritz to serve as a para-legal to assist the defense in the above captioned matter at the rate of \$25 per hour. I have already spoken to Mr. Tritz, he is willing to assist in the matter, and in fact I expect to start working with him early next week to assist the defense preparation.

I thank Your Honor for your consideration in this matter.

Paul A. Engelnage

HON. PAUL A. ENGELMAYER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE